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**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 28, 2005  
9:00 AM  
2535 Capitol Oaks Drive, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Sacramento, CA 95833  
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**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM**

Tony Sawyer, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:37 AM.

The following members were present:

Tony Sawyer, Chair  
Seena Hoose  
Martin Miele  
Kris Vyberberg

The following members were absent:

Roy Shlemon  
Tom Crosby  
Joe Mello

Also in attendance:

Gary Duke, Board Attorney  
Paul Sweeney, Executive Officer  
George Dunfield, Enforcement Manager  
Dave Parson, RWQCB, Region 1

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 29, 2004 TAC MEETING**

Ms. Hoose made a motion to approve the minutes of the TAC Committee Meeting of October 29, 2004.

Mr. Miele seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

No public comment.

### **4. REPORT ON FOREST PRACTICE AND GEOLOGY ISSUES**

Tony Sawyer reported that he made a presentation at the last Board meeting regarding Part X of the Department of Fish and Game's (DFG) Salmonid Stream Habitat Restoration Manual. He informed the Board that based on the TAC's preliminary review of the document (available on DFG's web-site) the TAC had concluded that Part X appeared to be the unlicensed practice of geology. The Board wrote a letter to DFG expressing their concerns. The TAC has not been given any further direction on this issue.

Kris Vyverberg informed the TAC that DFG has drafted additional solicitation and contract language in response to the Board's concerns. The language has been reviewed and approved by DFG's Legal Office. However, she does not want to add it to the document or post it on DFG's web-site until she receives input from the TAC and approval from the Board.

Ms. Vyverberg also informed the TAC that DFG has not yet decided how Part X will be dealt with should DFG's internal review of the document conclude that it must be revised for compliance with state licensure requirements. Options being considered include contracting out the task to the California Geologic Survey, contracting with an appropriately licensed consultant, or utilizing the expertise of licensed staff employed by DFG.

Mr. Sawyer will make a presentation at the next Board meeting to update them of the status of the Forestry issues. He will report that significant progress is being made and that the issues are being addressed. Mr. Sawyer will also make a recommendation to the Board to direct the TAC to look into methods of increasing the training and outreach to licensed Foresters to help them with their field observations and training so that they are better able to recognize when they are out of their depth, and when they need to call a Professional Geologist.

### **5. REPORT ON BOARD ASSIGNMENTS TO THE TAC**

#### **a. Licensure Fact Sheets**

Tony Sawyer reported that he has completed the Groundwater fact sheet. Mr. Shlemon has completed the Vadose Zone Transport data sheet. Martin Miele completed the Geophysicists fact sheet and will e-mail it to the committee. Roy Shlemon and Tom Crosby are working together on the Landslides fact sheet. Ms. Vyverberg will complete the Geomorphology fact sheet.

#### **b. Other Board Assignments**

Mr. Sawyer announced that three TAC committee members' terms will expire June 2006, and four members' terms will expire in 2007. The current TAC members began reviewing applications in anticipation of filling the three 2006 vacancies.

### **6. TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Sawyer scheduled the next TAC meeting for Friday, May 6, 2005 in Sacramento.

**7. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM.

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**TONY SAWYER, Chair**

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**PAUL SWEENEY, Executive Officer**

**Date Approved:**